

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/683,237

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to response filed on 04/06/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17 and 21-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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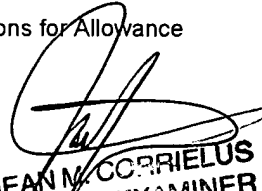
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


JEAN M. CORRIELUS
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-17 and 21-23 are presented for examination. This office action is in response to the Appeal Brief filed on April 06, 2004.
2. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on April 06, 2004 and response to conference decision, PROSECUTION is hereby reopened.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Zell (Reg. No. 37,481) on September 22, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, after line 1, insert - - "a processor;" - -.

In claim 8, after line 1, insert - - "a processor;" - -.

In claim 21, line 1, delete [A method for enriching a document, comprising:], and insert - - "A computer-implemented method for enriching a document, comprising:" - -.

In claim 22, lines 1-2, delete [The method according to claim 21, wherein said performing further comprises:], and insert - - "A computer-implemented method according to claim 21, wherein said performing further comprises:" - -.

In claim 23, line 1, delete [The method according to claim 22,], and insert - - "A computer-implemented method according to claim 22," - -.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-17 and 21-23 are allowed.

Reason For Indicating Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1, 8 and 21, identify distinct features, the computer-implemented method and system for enriching a document. The closest prior art, Combs (U.S. Patent No. 6,138,129) discloses, document editor for enriching the document, directed search service for receiving input specifying a directed search while the document is authored with the document editor, inserting the directed search in the document as a document request, the directed search including search criteria and result parameter, the result parameter including information provider parameters, location parameters and form parameters, the Information provider parameters identifying one or more information providers to perform the directed search and provide search results. The prior art does

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not address the computer implemented method and system for the location parameters identifying where in the document the search results are to be inserted, the form parameter specifying a form in which the search results are to be inserted into the document, meta-document sever for performing the directed search specified in the document service request by querying the information providers specified in the result parameters of the directed search with the search criteria specified in the directed search, inserting the search results in the document using the location parameters and form parameters that identify the location and the form to insert the search results In the document. Combs fails to suggest the claimed limitation as mentioned above in combination with other limitations of the dependent and independent claims. The claims 1-17 and 21-23 are hereby allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac M. Woo whose telephone number is (571) 272-4043. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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